

Recognition of High School Graduates:

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* Call to Worship and God's Blessing:

People of God, the Lord of glory, Jesus Christ,
sends his greeting to you. And his greeting is this:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ, through the working of the Holy Spirit.
This is the greeting of Christ, who arose from the grave.

He died and rose that we might have eternal life.

All thanks be to him!

This same Christ has ascended to the Father.

He ascended that we might experience

God's presence and power. All praise be to him!

* Crown Him with Many Crowns

#460:1,2,3 (PH)

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne,
While heaven's eternal anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died to be
Your Savior and your matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, triumphant over the grave,
Who rose victorious from the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and reigns on high;
He died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace; his kingdom is at hand.
From pole to pole let warfare cease and Christ rule every land!
All hail, Redeemer, hail, for you have died for me.
Your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

* Amid the Thronging Worshipers

#239:1,2,3 (PH)

Amid the thronging worshipers the Lord, our God, I bless;
Before His people gathered here his name will I confess.
Come, praise him, all who fear the Lord,
The children of His grace;
With reverence sound His glories forth
And bow before His face.

The burden of the sorrowful the Lord will not despise;
He has not turned from those who mourn,
He listens to their cries.

His goodness makes me join the throng
Where saints His praise proclaim,
And there will I fulfill my vows
With those who fear His name.

He feeds with good the humble soul and satisfies the meek,
And they shall live and praise the Lord who for His mercy seek.
The ends of all the earth will hear, the nations seek the Lord;
They worship Him, the King of kings,
In earth and heaven adored.

Call to Confession: Proverbs 28:13

*Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper,
but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.*

Prayer of Confession and Preparation

Our Assurance: II Thessalonians 2:16-17

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope
through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in
every good work and word.*

I Then Shall Live

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am his child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;
The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me,
Your power and glory, let them shine through me;
Your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor,
And may your living kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor,
And may you feed a hungry world through me.

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

* Spirit of the Living God

#424:1,2 (PH)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

* Scripture: Romans 6:1-23 (NIV)

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¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that
grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have
died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you
know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried
with him through baptism into death in order that, just as
Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the
Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection
like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with
him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with,
that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because
anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also
live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised
from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has
mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once
for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to
God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your
mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer
any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness,
but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been
brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself
to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no
longer be your master, because you are not under the law,
but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law
but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Don't you know that when
you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are
slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin,
which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to
righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you

used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

¹⁹ I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.

²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Can I Really Be Free From Sin?*

Prayer

* ***Not What My Hands Have Done*** #260:1,2 (PH)

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne
Can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears
Can bear my awful load.

Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;
Your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase.
No other work but yours, no other blood will do;
No strength but that which is divine
Can bear me safely through.

* **God's Blessing**

* ***Not What My Hands Have Done*** #260:3 (PH)

I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
And with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine.
My Lord has saved my life and freely pardon gives;
I love because he first loved me, I live because he lives.

Can I Really Be Free From Sin?

Romans 6:1-23



Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary. The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system. Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

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